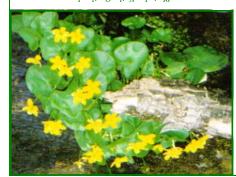
including marbled and four-toed salamanders. Glacial erratics are also visible along other portions of the trail system and Colonial foundations can be located on the Eldserlie parcel adjacent to Peck Road. To the south, the trail off Orchard Road also includes a cairn, a heap of stones piled up as either a memorial or landmark.

Photo by Kathy Gartland,
Woodbridge Conservation Commission



Combined, the sites are a mix of wood-lands, fields, and vernal ponds and is a critical link in the Woodbridge Greenway. The area includes the headwaters of the Wepawaug River and provides breeding habitat for a number of rare species, ing habitat for a number of rare species,

The Lodge includes the famous trail taken by the British Regicides Dixwell, Whalley, and Goffe as they evaded Coffe said at the spring in this area, "would to God we had a hatchet." He found a hatchet left by the Indians. Goffe and Whalley built a crude shelter here and named it Hatchet Harbor. Another notable feature on the site is the other notable feature on the site is the Big Boulder—one of the largest glacial erratics in the state.

whose family had owned the land since before the American Revolution.

The two other sites: the 27-acre Lodge and Milford Meadows are owned by the Woodbridge Land Trust (WLT). The Lodge Tract was donated by Miss Helen Newton

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tential sources of clean drinking supplies as well as former and porounding active drinking water statewide effort to protect land surnecticut Watershed Initiative, a completed as part of TPL's Con-Water Authority. The purchase was mental Protection and the Regional from the Department of Environgnibnut laiting attin bas (JTT) from the Trust for Public Land purchased in 2000 with assistance the Town of Woodbridge and was acre Elderslie Preserve is owned by form this trail system. The 200-Three adjacent sites combine to

### **Directions and Parking:**

The main entrance and parking for the Elderslie Preserve is located on Peck Hill Road. From the Amity Shopping Center, follow Amity Road (Route 63) north approx 3.1 miles to the west/left on Seymour Road (Route 67) for 2 miles, and then left onto Peck Hill Road. A sign for the Elderslie Preserve will be on the right side with a left entrance to the parking lot.

#### **Permitted Activities:**

This land is for passive recreation use only—no motorized vehicles are permitted. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and pick up all dog waste. Hunting or trapping is prohibited.

# For more information about this location, contact:

The Woodbridge Land Trust or Woodbridge Conservation Commission (203) 389-3400 www.woodbridgect.org This project made possible through a grant from the National Recreational Trails Program, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.





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